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SUBJECT: UNIDO-SECTORAL CONSULTATION ON THE FERTILIZER INDUSTRY

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ROME FOR FODAG

1. AS REPORTED REFTELS FIRST SECTORAL CONSULTATION MEETING TO BE HELD WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF DIRECTIVE GIVEN TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BY IDB-X IS SCHEDULED TO BE CONVENED IN VIENNA FROM NOVEMBER 22 TO 27, 1976. BASIC DOCUMENTATION FOR THE CONSULTATION WILL BE A STUDY IN DEPTH OF THE DEMAND AND SUPPLY OF FERTILIZERS FROM 1974 TO 2000 BEING PREPARED UNDER THE DIRECTION OF PROFESSOR RAYMOND EWELL (U.S.). THE STUDY WILL INTER ALIA ADDRESS THE QUANTITIES AND TYPES OF FERTILIZERS REQUIRED, THE NUMBER AND LOCATION OF NEW PRODUCTION FACILITIES NEEDED, THE NECESSARY CAPITAL INVESTMENTS AND HOW THESE MIGHT BE FINANCED AND THE POLICIES NEEDED TO BE PURSUED BY GOVERNMENTS AND INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THE NECESSARY GOALS. STUDY RESULTS WILL BE UNCLASSIFIED

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PRESENTED BOTH ON A REGIONAL BASIS AND IN TERMS OF

MAJOR FERTILIZER CONSUMING/PRODUCING COUNTRIES.

2. SECRETARIAT SOURCES TELL US THAT DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE CONSULTATION INCLUDES FOLLOWING SPECIFIC POINTS: (A) AIMS AND PURPOSE OF MEETING, (B) WORLD FERTILIZER SITUATION, (C) CAPITAL AND PRODUCTION COSTS OF ADDITIONAL REQUIRED FERTILIZER PRODUCTION FACILITIES, (D) RAW MATERIALS REQUIREMENTS AND AVAILABILITIES, (E) LOCATION OF NEW PRODUCTION FACILITIES, INCLUDING WAYS AND MEANS OF STIMULATING LDC'S TO ACCELERATE THEIR INDIGENOUS PRODUCTION OF FERTILIZERS, (F) MARKETING AND DISTRIBUTION INCLUDING THE ROLE OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AS A STIMULATING FACTOR IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE FERTILIZER INDUSTRY, (G) FINANCING OF NEW INVESTMENT, (H) MANPOWER REQUIREMENTS, (I) APPROPRIATE POLICIES AND ACTIONS OF GOVERNMENTS FOR ACHIEVING DESIRED PRODUCTION TARGETS, (J) ADOPTION OF CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

3. UNDER PRESENT PLANNING ANTICIPATED ATTENDANCE WILL BE FROM 30-35 COUNTRIES WITH ABOUT 200 INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPANTS. ONE QUESTION STILL UNDER DISCUSSION WITHIN THE SECRETARIAT IS WHAT KIND OF INDUSTRIAL COUNTRY GOVERNMENTAL REPRESENTATION SHOULD BE SOUGHT. ONE IDEA IS TO EXTEND INVITATIONS TO PERMANENT MISSIONS OF SELECTED INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES TO ATTEND AS OBSERVERS. ANOTHER IS TO EXTEND GENERAL INVITATION TO SELECTED INDUSTRIALIZED MEMBER STATES LEAVING IT TO INDIVIDUAL GOVERNMENTS TO DECIDE ON NATURE (E.G. OBSERVER) AND LEVEL (E.G. PERM REP) OF PARTICIPATION.

4. UP-TO-DATE LIST OR PROSPECTIVE U.S. PARTICIPANTS FROM OUTSIDE GOVERNMENT WILL BE TRANSMITTED WHEN AVAILABLE.

5. COMMENT: MISSION WILL REPORT FURTHER ON SECRETARIAT

THINKING CONCERNING PARTICIPATION BY GOVERNMENTS OF INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES. WE ASSUME OBSERVER STATUS AT SOME APPROPRIATE LEVEL (E.G. PERM REP) WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO U.S. HOWEVER, IF DEPT. AND OTHER INTERESTED AGENCIES UNCLASSIFIED

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FEEL SOME OTHER FORM OF PARTICIPATION IS DESIRABLE (E.G. FULL PARTICIPATION AT EXPERT LEVEL) MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE BEING SO ADVISED. STIBRAVY

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